Configuring an IBM Forms 8.0 Cluster using WebSphere Application Server v8.0.0.4

## **Preface**

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This guide describes a comprehensive procedure for installing, configuring, and building an IBM® Forms v8.0 cluster using:

- · IBM WebSphere Application Server 8.0.0.4 32-bit
- · Windows® 2003 Server
- · IBM HTTP Server 8.0.0.4

This guide is specifically written for 32-bit IBM Forms v8.0 and WAS v8.0.0.4, the same approach will apply to any IBM Forms v8.x 64-bit version and any WAS v8.0.x 64-bit version.

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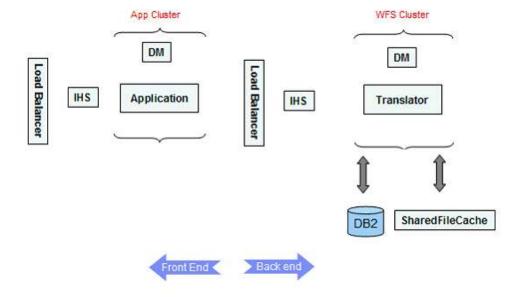
## Introduction

There are different ways you can set up your cluster environment to run Webform Server, but most likely it will depend on the business needs. In a typical production environment, the topology is divided in two large sections: Front End and Back End.

**Front End** refers to the segment in the topology where your Application lives plus all the essentials that are needed to have this section of the topology up and running like IBM HTTP Server (IHS), Load Balancer, Deployment Manager if a cluster environment exists for this part of the topology, etc.

**Back End** refers to the section where the Webform Server lives plus all the additional components needed to have this section of the topology up and running, like IBM HTTP Server, Load Balancer, Deployment Manager, Log Server, SharedFileCache, database, etc.

A typical production environment could be set up as shown in the next diagram:



# Before you begin

Prior to installing the Webform Server Translator to a managed node there are preparation steps that need to be completed. This guide assumes the use of WebSphere Application Server Deployment Manager 8.0.0.4 IBM HTTP Server 8.0.0.4, DB2 v9.7 and IBM Forms Server 8.0.

### **Part Numbers**

CZM90ML - IBM Installation Manager for Windows x86

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CZM9KML - IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment V8.0 (1 of 4) CZM9LML - IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment V8.0 (2 of 4) CZM9MML - IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment V8.0 (3 of 4) CZVG4ML - IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment V8.0 (4 of 4)
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The following four parts make up the image for IBM WebSphere Application Server v8.0 Supplements Multiplatform Multilingual and also contains IBM HTTP Server v8.0 and Plug-ins v8.0

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CZM91ML.zip
CZM94ML.zip
CZM95ML.zip
CZXR9ML.zip
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8.0.0.4: WebSphere Application Server v8.0 Fix Pack 4 found at the following link. http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24033190

**Including:** 8.0.0-WAS-WAS-FP000004-part1.zip

8.0.0-WAS-WAS-FP000004-part2.zip

8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004-part1.zip 8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004-part2.zip

8.0.0-WS-WCT-FP0000004.zip

#### Items not covered

- Installing the IBM Installation Manager (CZM90ML for Windows x86)
- Installing DB2
- Configuring the cluster with WebSphere Process Server
- Creating multiple clusters in a single cell

#### WIKI Information Center:

http://www-10.lotus.com/ldd/lfwiki.nsf

**\*\*NOTE:** To perform the tasks described in this document, you need basic IBM Forms Server and WebSphere Application Server knowledge and administration skills.

# **Install Manager Defining Repositories**

This document assumes that you have the IBM Installation Manager installed.

1. Unzip the four part numbers for IBM WebSphere Deployment Manager (CZM9KML, CZM9LML, CZM9MML, CZVG4ML) into one directory.

For example: <Media Root>\WAS\

2. Unzip the four part number for IBM HttpServer (CZM91ML, CZM94ML, CZM95ML, CZXR9ML) into one directory.

For example: <Media Root>\IHS

3. Unzip the Fixpack 8.0.0.4 fixes (8.0.0-WS-WAS-FP0000004-part1.zip, 8.0.0-WS-WAS-FP0000004-part2.zip, 8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004-part1.zip, 8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004-part2.zip, 8.0.0-WS-WCT-FP00000004.zip) into three directories.

For example: <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WAS-FP0000004 <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004 <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WCT-FP0000004

**NOTE:** The CD numbers may vary between operating systems. The CD title is WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment for Windows X86.

- 4. Open the Installation Manager and navigate to File > Preferences > Repositories
- 5. Add the repositories for the IBM Websphere Deployment Manager, IBM Http Server, and the IHS Plug-ins for example:
  - <Media Root>\WAS\ repository.config
  - <Media Root>\IHS\repository.config
  - <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WAS-FP0000004\ repository.config
  - <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000004\ repository.config
  - <Media Root>\8.0.0-WS-WCT-FP0000004\ repository.config
- 6. Click OK and save your changes

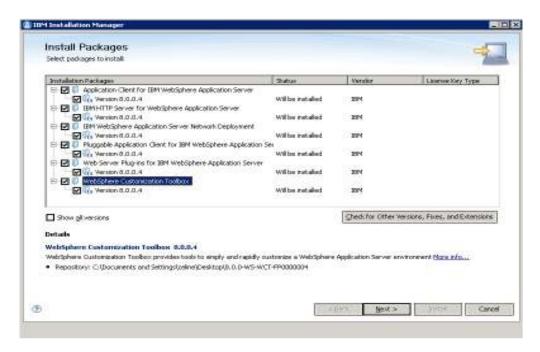
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# Installing WebSphere Application Server Deployment Manager, IBM HTTP Server, and 8.0.0.4 updates

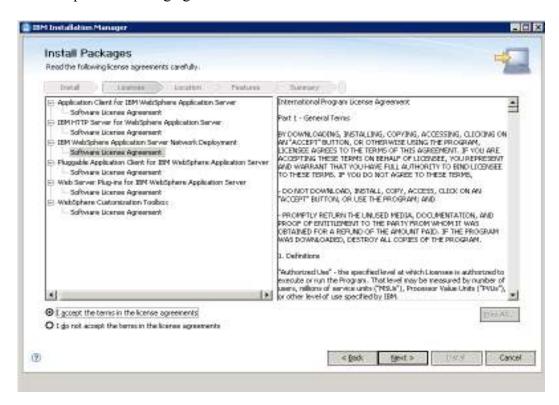
1. Open the IBM Installation Manager *Start > All Programs > IBM Installation Manger > IBM Installation Manger*. Once the dialog appears click **Install**.



Select all packages for installation; Application Client for IBM WebSphere
Application Server, IBM HTTP Server for WebSphere Application Server, IBM
WebSphere Application Network Deployment, Pluggable Application Client for IBM
WebSphere Application Server, Web Server Plug-ins for IBM WebSphere
Application Server, WebSphere Customization Toolbox.



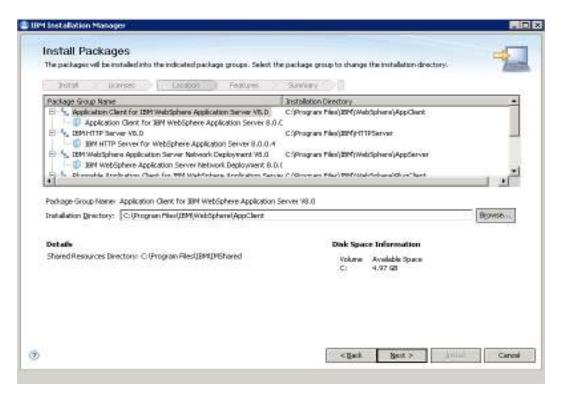
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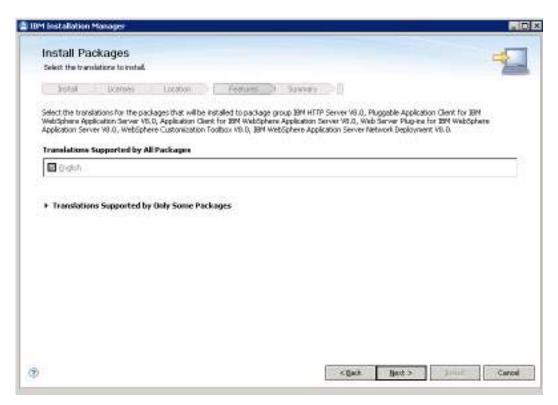
4. Select the install location for the shared resources directory. Here we kept the default location. Click **Next**.



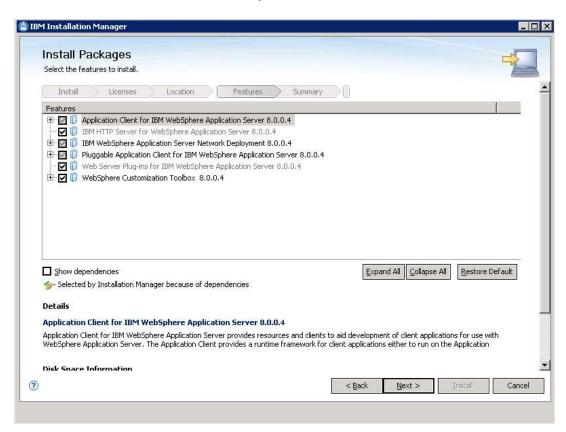
5. Define the installation directory for the WebSphere Application Client for WebSphere Application Server. Here we left the default location. Click **Next**.



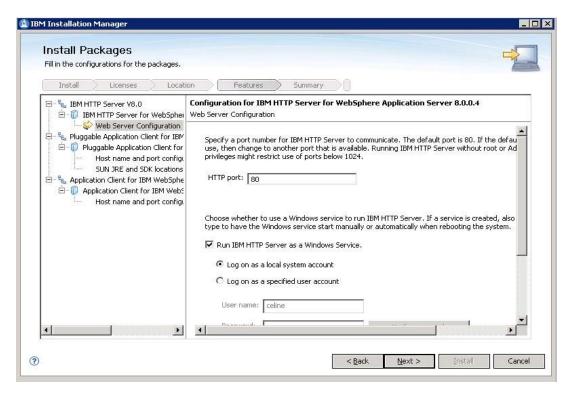
6. Select the language and click **Next**.



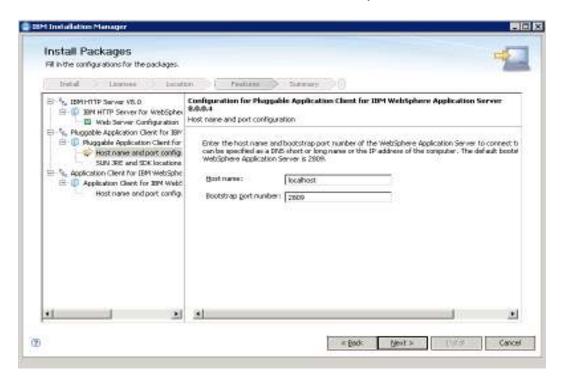
7. Select the features to install. Here you see the default screen. Click **Next**.



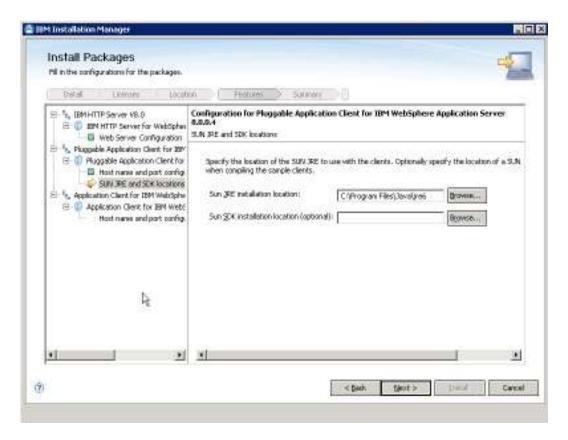
8. Define the configurations for the packages. Here we left the defaults; however, for a production environment you will need to define the host name and port configuration.



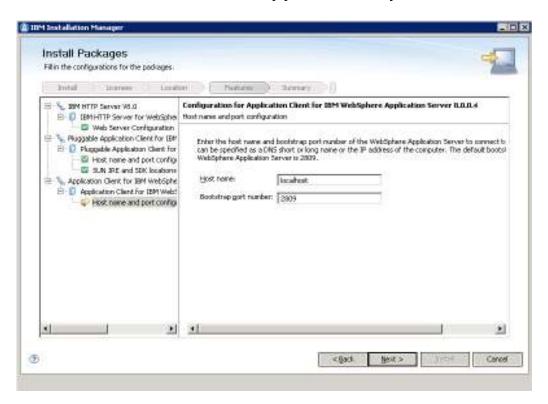
9. Define the host name and bootstrap port number. In this screen, we are leaving the defaults. You will want to define the host name of your server. Click **Next**.



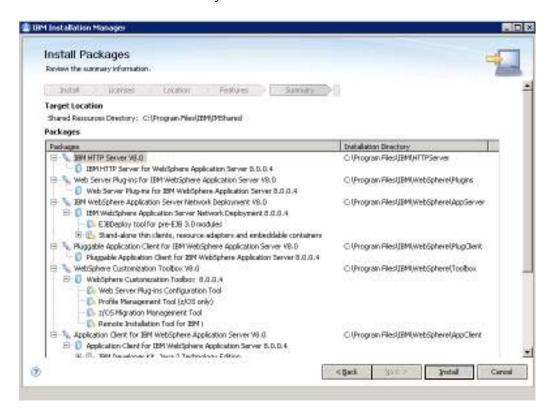
10. Define the location of Sun Java Runtime Environment. The installation requires a minimum of JRE 1.6. Click **Next**.



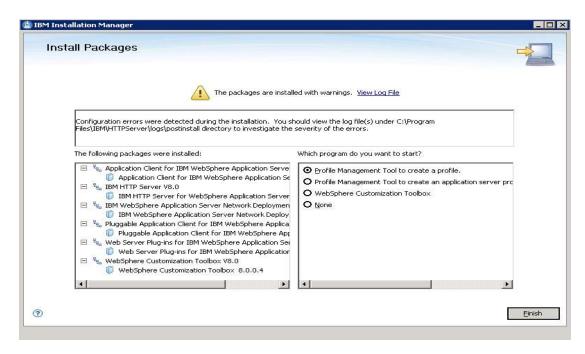
11. Fill in the configurations for the packages for the Application Client. For this installation we selected the defaults; however, for a production server you will want to define the host name and bootstrap port number for your server.



12. Review the install summary and click **Install**.

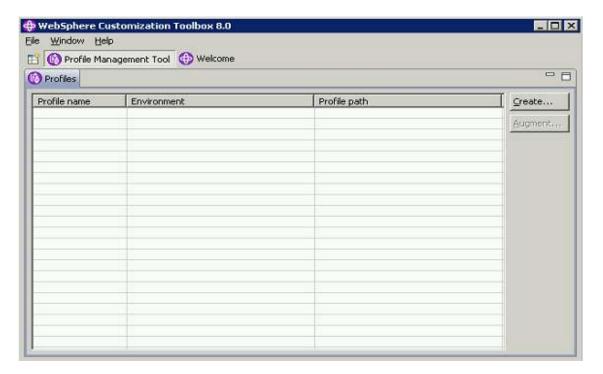


13. There are warnings in the install logs because a profile for the WebSphere Application Server and IBM HTTP Server Web Server are not defined. Click **Finish** to start the *Profile Management Tool to Create a profile*.

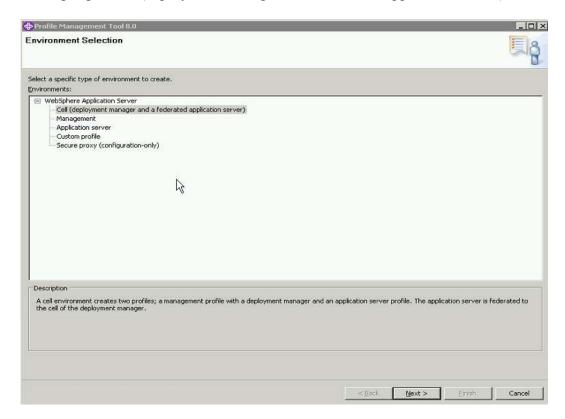


## Creating a Profile

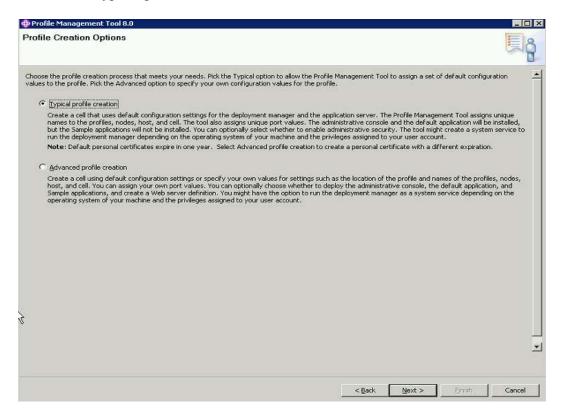
1. From the WebSphere Customization Tool box click **Create**.



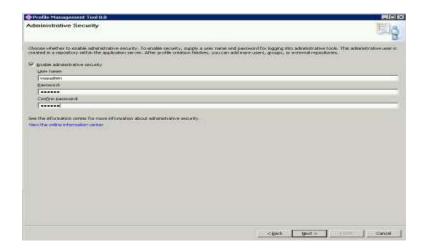
2. Highlight Cell (deployment manager and a federated application server) and click Next.



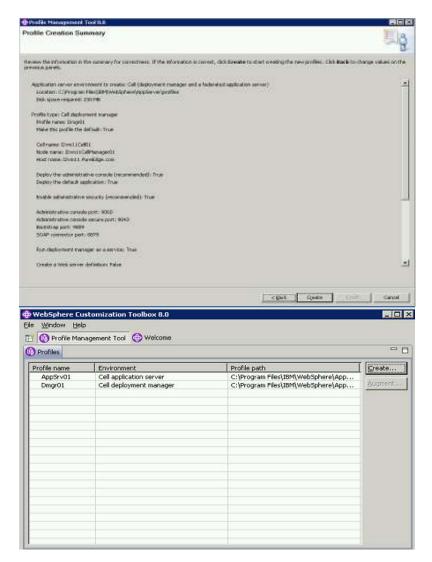
3. Select "Typical profile creation" and click **Next**.



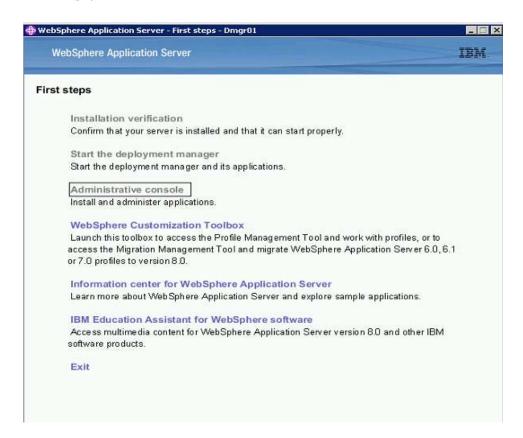
4. Add the username and password for the administrative security and click **Next**.



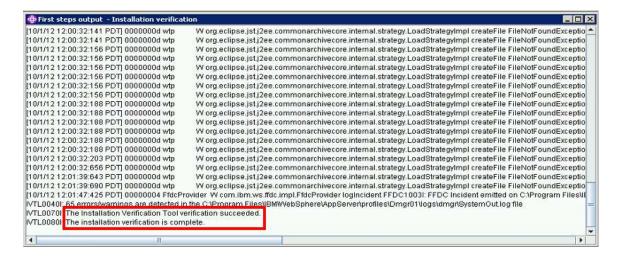
5. Review the profile creation summary and click **Create**.



6. When the profile creation completes click the "Launch the First steps console" and click **Finish** 

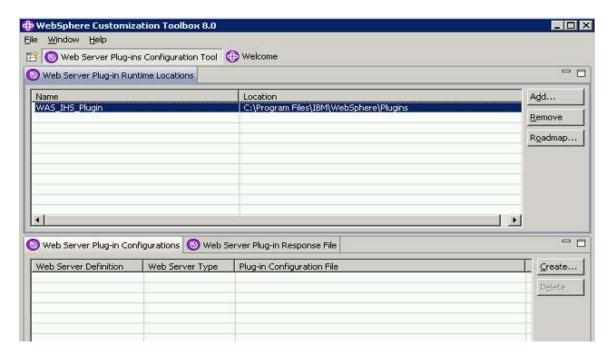


7. To ensure the installation was successful you should see the confirmation on the command line generated.

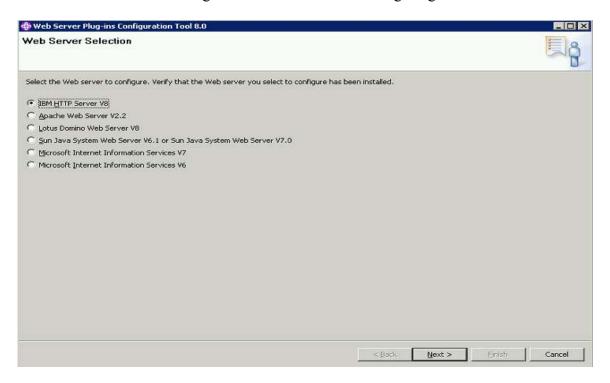


# **Configuring the Web Server**

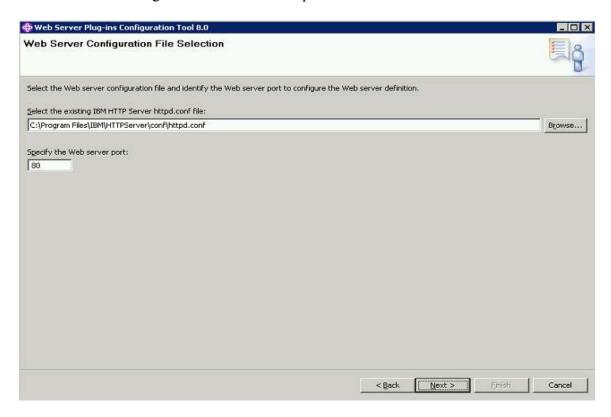
- 1. Start the Web Server Plug-ins Configuration Tool. Start > All Programs > IBM WebSphere > WebSphere Customization Tool > Tools > Web Server Plug-in Configuration Tool.
- 2. Highlight the Web Server Plug-in and click Create.



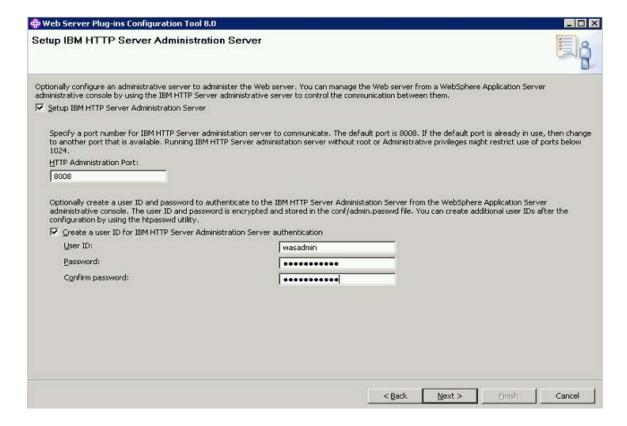
3. Select the Server to configure. In this case we are configuring the IBM HTTP Server.



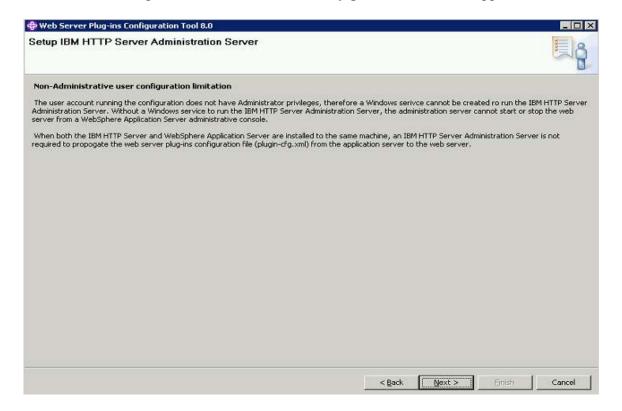
4. Select the existing IBM HTTP server httpd.conf file.



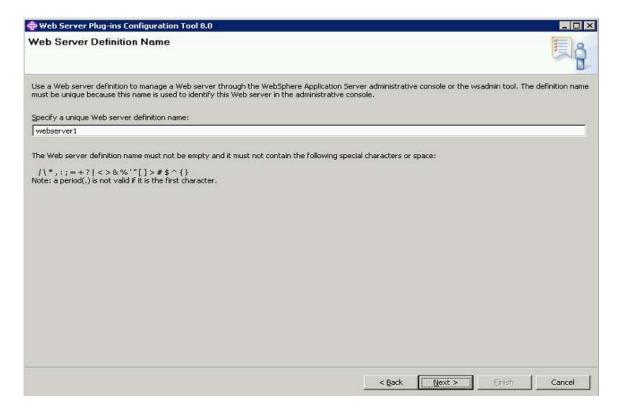
5. Create a user ID for the IBM HTTP Server Administration server authentication.



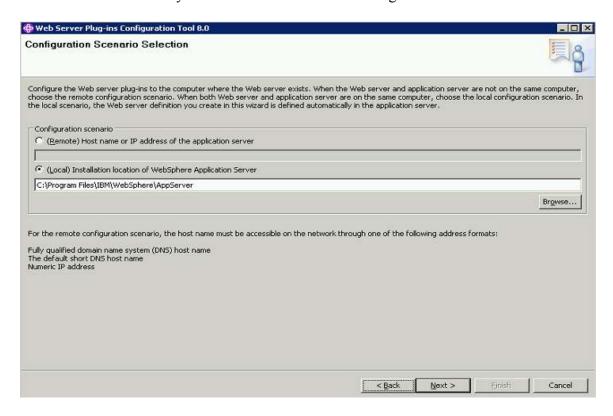
6. When the dialog Non-Administrative user configuration limitation appears, click Next.



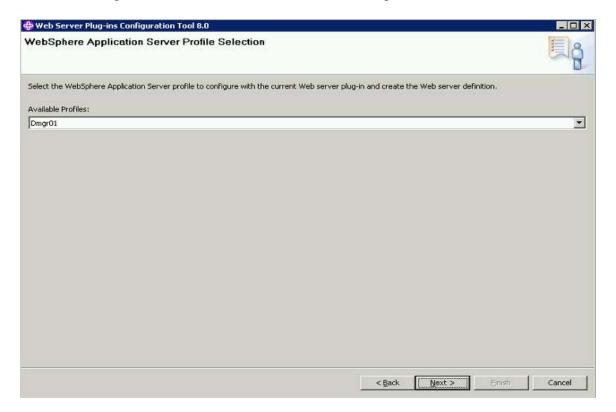
7. Define the name of the Web Server. Here we are using the default name. Click Next.



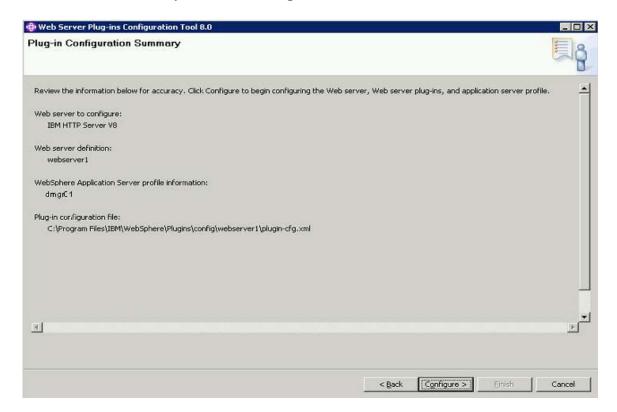
8. Define remote or local host. For a production environment, this should be on a separate server and therefore you would select he remote configuration. Click **Next**.



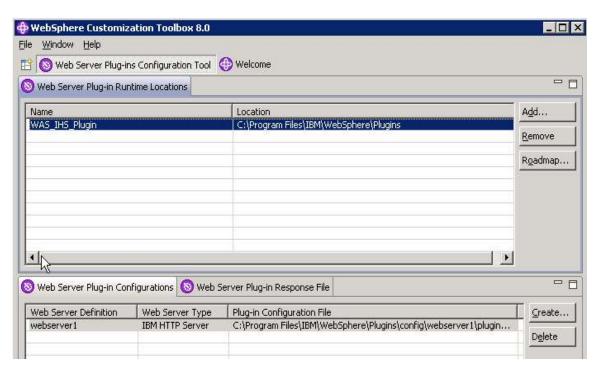
9. Define the profile where the web server will be configured and click **Next**.

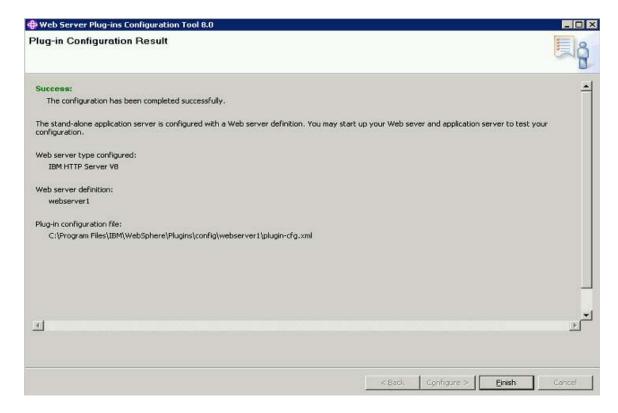


10. Review the summary and click **Configure**.



11. When the installation completes, click **Finish**.

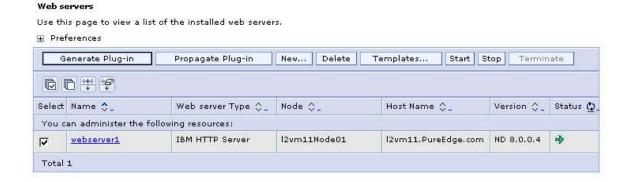




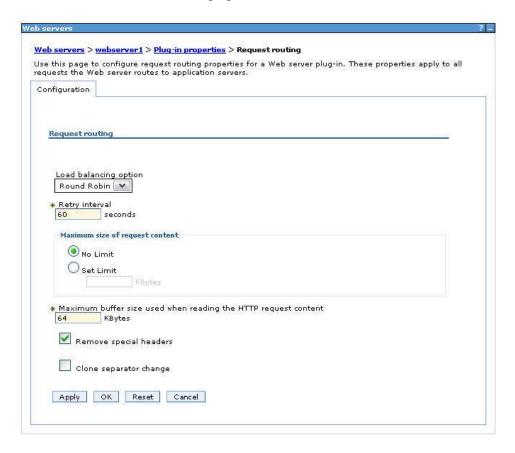
12. From the command prompt, navigate to C:\IBM\WebSphere\Plugins\bin. Look for a script file with the name you gave the HTTP server in the previous step. The syntax of the file will be as follows:

configure <HTTPServer name>.bat (ie. configurewebserver1.bat)

- 13. Copy the bat file to the WAS server location C:\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\bin
- 14. From C:\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\bin run the configurewebserver1.bat file to automatically configure the HTTPServer with the WebSphere Application Deployment Manager (DMGR).
- 15. Log into the WebSphere Application Server administration console and navigate to *Servers > Server Types > Web servers* to verify the webserver1 is configured correctly.



16. Click on webserver1 and continue navigating to *Plug-in properties* > *Request routing* and confirm the load balancing option is set to *RoundRobin* 

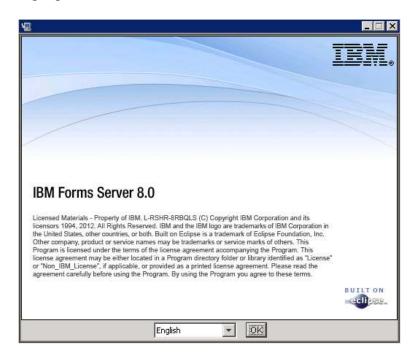


17. Save the changes.

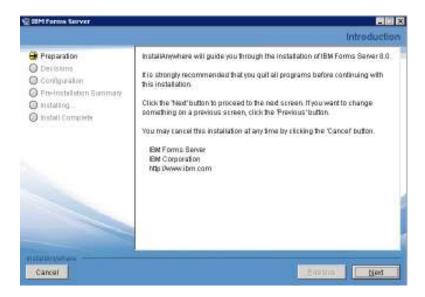
# **Installing Lotus Forms Webform Server 8.0**

The installation of Webform Server will be completed on the federated Node. Ensure you do not install the Webform Server on the DMGR. This document assumes the SharedFileCache is installed on the save server. In a production environment, you should consider putting the SharedFileCache on a separate server.

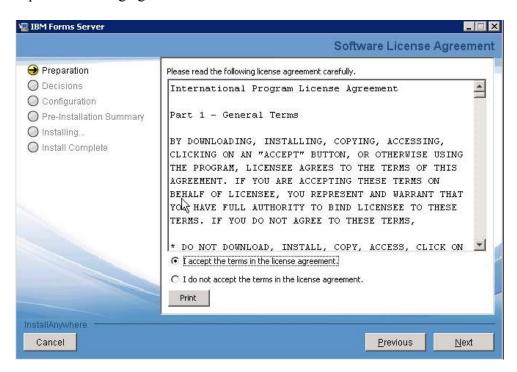
- 1. Double click the exe file to start the IBM Forms Server install
- 2. Select the language and click **OK**



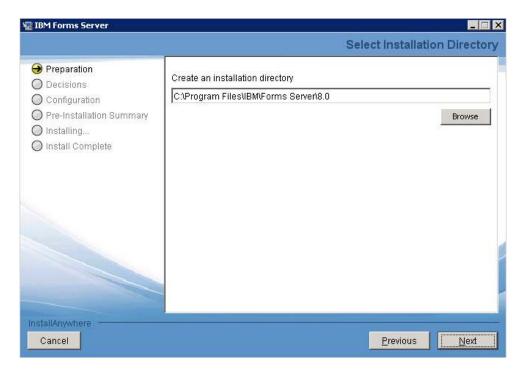
3. When the Preparation window opens select Next



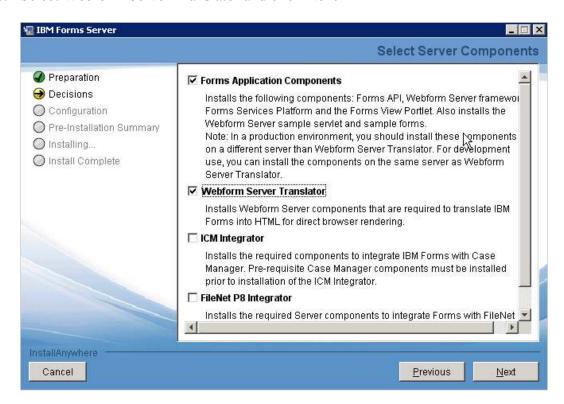
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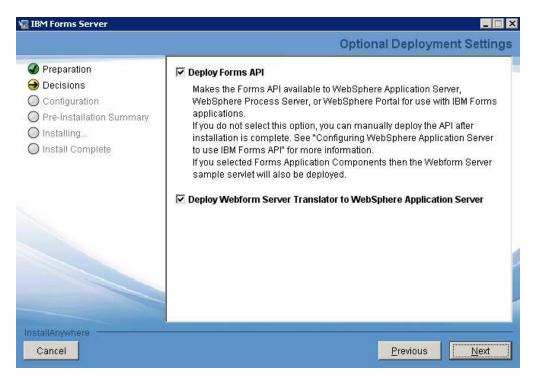
5. Accept the default installation directory and select Next



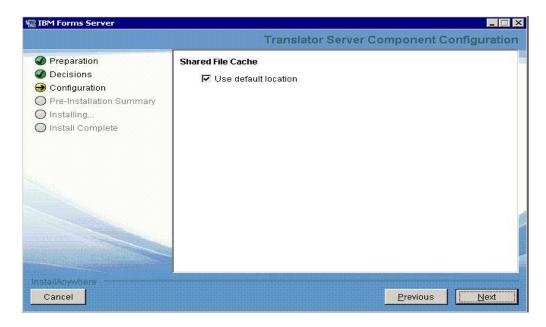
6. Select Webform Server Translator and click Next



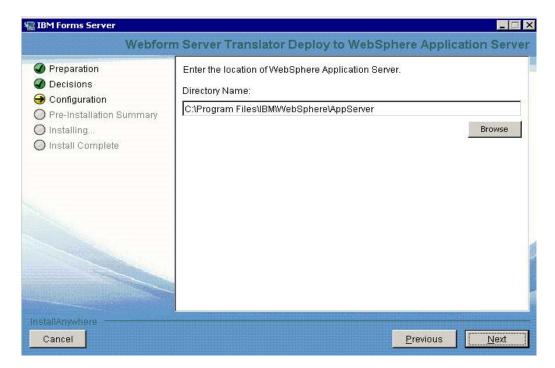
7. Select *Deploy Forms API* and to *Deploy Webform Server Translator to WebSphere Application Server* and click **Next** 



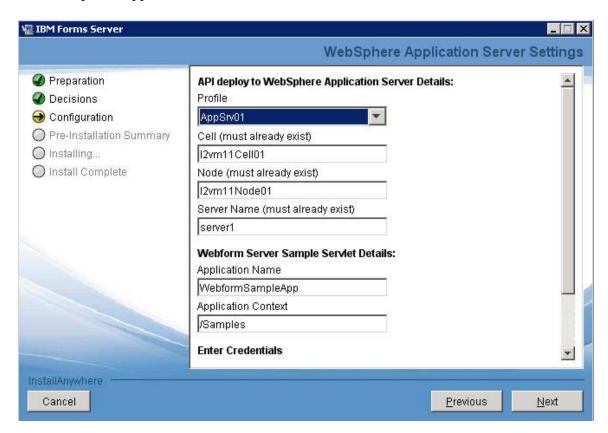
8. Select use default location for the Shared File Cache and click Next.



9. Define the WebSphere Application Server directory location and click Next.



10. By default the data for the node and cell will auto-populate. Verify the auto-populated data is correct. Scroll down and define the user name and password for the WebSphere Application Server and click **Next**.

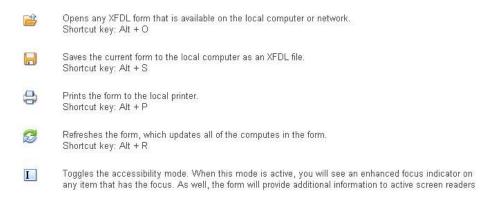


11. Once the installation completes, start the Translator from the WebSphere Application Server Deployment Manager administration console Servers > Server Types > WebSphere application servers
Test the installation by accessing the toolbelt URL.

http://<server name>:8085/translator/Translate?Action=toolbelt



Webform Server allows you to use a Web browser to view and complete XFDL forms. The toolbar buttons provide the following functionality:

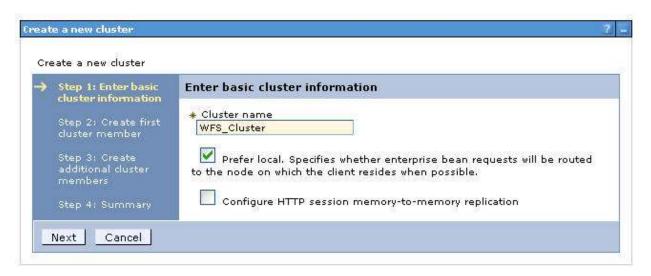


# **Creating TranslatorServer Cluster**

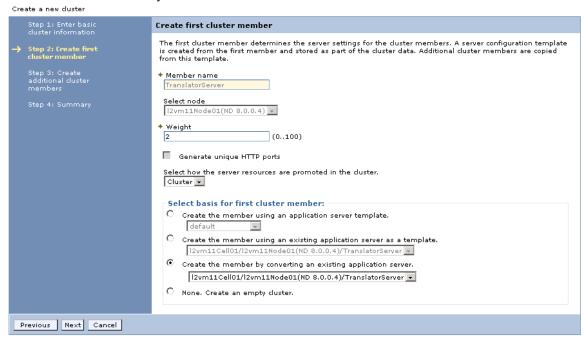
- 1. From the deployment manager administration console, navigate to Servers > Clusters
- > WebSphere application server clusters and select New



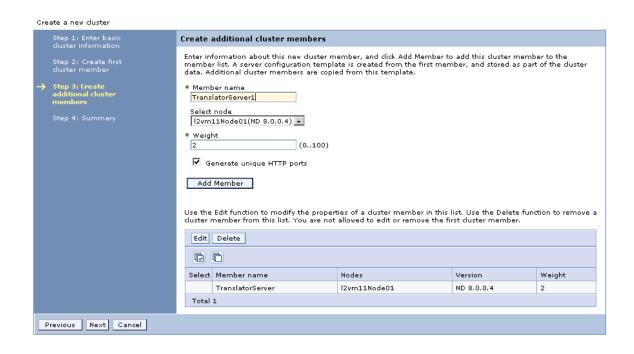
2. Key in the name of the New cluster (WFS\_Cluster) and click Next



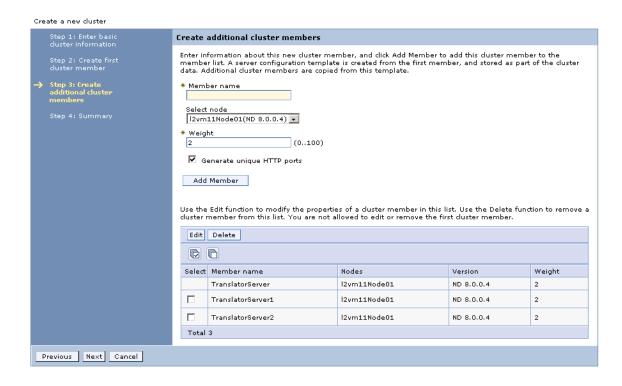
3. Select the radio button *Create the member by converting an existing application server* and select the secondary node TranslatorServer



- 4. Type in the name of the next cluster member (TranslatorServer1), check *Generate unique HTTP ports* and click **Add Member**
- 5. Select the Node



6. Create a third clustered member called TranslatorServer2 and clicking **Add Member**, click **Next** 



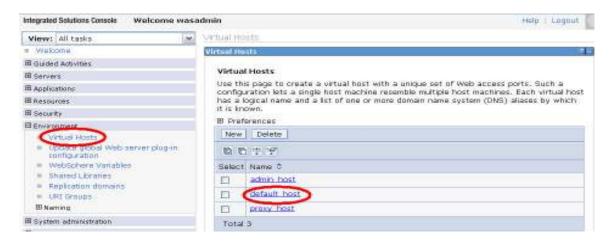
7. Review the Summary and Click **Finish** 



- 8. Save all the Clustered member changes
- 9. Start the WFS\_Cluster: Servers > Server Types > WebShere application server Check the checkbox beside the Translators and click the **Start** button.

# Verifying Host aliases for the new clustered members

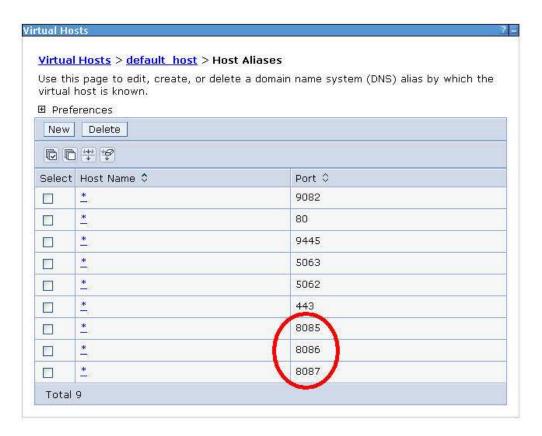
1. From the DMGR administration console, navigate to *Environment > Virtual Hosts > default host* 



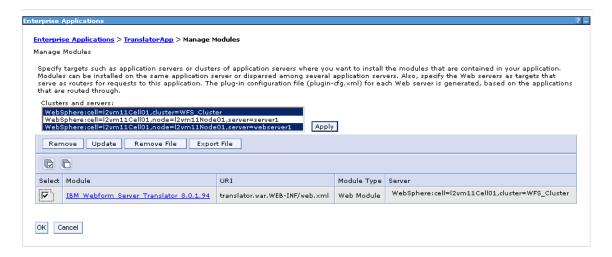
2. Select *Host Aliases* under Additional Properties



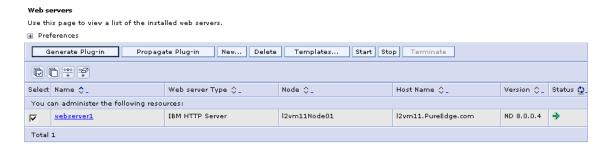
3. Here you should see the Host Aliases using ports 8085, 8086, and 8087. If you do not see these three ports then select new and add them.



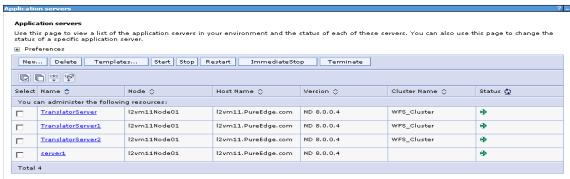
4. Navigate to *Applications > Application Types > WebSphere Enterprise Applications > TranslatorApp > Manage Modules* and select IBM Webform Server Translator. Highlight WFS Cluster and webserver1 and click Apply.



- 5. Navigate to Servers > Server Types > Web servers. Select webserver1 and click Generate Plug-in
- 6. Click Propagate Plug-in



- 7. Navigate to *System administration* > *Node* agents to verify the status of the node agent. You should see a green arrow under the status column.
- 8. If the Clustered members are not already started, navigate to *Servers > Server Types > Application Servers* Check the checkboxes beside each Translator Server and click **start** to start the servers. You will see a green arrow under the status column once the servers are started.



- 9. Test each of the Translators to ensure each is working successfully.
  - a) Open a browser and navigate to:

```
<server name>:8085/translator/Translate?Action=toolbelt
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The Welcome to IBM® Lotus® Forms Server - Webform Server page opens.

Note: This is the only time that you should access the Translator directly from a browser. In production use you should access the Translator only by your servlets or portlets.

b) If the Welcome to IBM IBM Forms Server - Webform Server page does not open, refer to the *Troubleshooting the installation* section of the info center.

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/forms/v3r5m1/index.jsp

# Federating the Second Node with Deployment Manager

This section assumes you have installed the WebSphere Application Server 8.0.0.4 on another server and are ready to create a managed node.

- 1. On the secondary server navigate to C:\Program Files\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\profiles\AppSrv01\ bin
- 2. Run the addNode command as follows: addNode.bat <Name of host profile> <host port> addNode.bat DMGR.victoria.ibm.com 8879

### \*\*NOTE: See troubleshooting steps if addNode task fails

- 3. Navigate to the DMGR administration panel and review the nodes listed under System administration -> Nodes.
- 4. Verify the nodeagents are running System administration

# Webform Server Install and Set-up on additional Nodes

There are often times that a company user base outgrows the current server setup. Additional nodes allow for the capacity needed. This section discusses how to add additional nodes with additional TranslatorServer members. This section assumes that the node3 is installed before completing this section.

- 1. Install WebSphere Application Server as a managed node and upgrade as described earlier in this guide.
- 2. Verify the Deployment manager, node, and nodeagent are running
- 3. Start the install of Webform Server on the new node.
- 4. Choose **NOT** to deploy the translator application by **deselecting** Webform Server Translator



\*\*Note: Depending on the environment there may be a few additional steps, for example, modifying WebSphere Application Server environment variables, and copying the DB2 drivers to the new node. This guide does not cover these steps.

# Adding additional Translator Cluster members for additional nodes

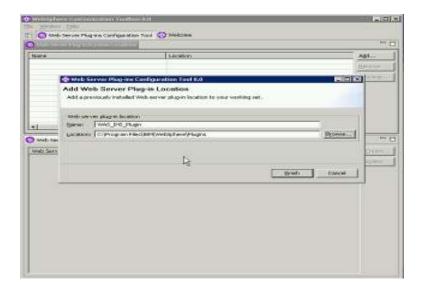
- 1. Access the Deployment Manager
- 2. Navigate to Servers > Clusters > WebSphere Application Server Cluster > WFS\_Cluster > Cluster Members and click the "**Details**" button
- 3. Click the "New" button
- 4. Enter the **Member name** for example TranslatorServer3
- 5. Under **Select node** choose the name of the newly added node and press
- 6. "Add Member." Follow step 4 and 5 if needing additional cluster members. Press
- 7. "Next"
- 5. Review the details and press the "Finish" button.
- 6. Save the changes and click "**OK**"
- **7.** Navigate to Servers > Server Types > WebSphere Application Servers
- 8. Select the checkbox beside the newly added cluster member(s) and press the "Start"
- 8. button.
- 9. Verify the new cluster member is working correctly by navigating to the translator toolbelt URL. For example:
  - http://<serverName>:8088/translator/Translate?Action=toolbelt

# **Troubleshooting**

# The Create button on the Web Server Plug-in Configuration Tool does not work

This could indicate that you are experiencing a defect within the Configuration Tool that is resolved with APAR PM46369: Create button unresponsive in WAS v8 Plugin Configuration Tool of WebSphere Customization Toolbox.) <a href="http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swq1PM46369">http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swq1PM46369</a>

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: The port will change depending on the number of cluster members. The first member will be port 8085 and each additional member will increment by one (8086, 8087, and 8088).



An upgrade is required to create the Web Server, as there is a defect with version 8.0 of the WebSphere Customization Toolbox.

### AddNode Task fails

You may experience an issue where you run the addNode task but receive a failure at the command line. If this occurs and you can see the node "SECONDARYNodeName" still exists in the dmgr master configuration follow these steps to clean up:

- 1. Make sure dmgr is running.
- 2. Run cleanupNode.bat script from the Dmgr. Navigate to the bin directory of the Dmgr and run the task as the sample below.

cleanupNode.bat <NodeName> <host> <host port> -trace

C\Program Files\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\profiles\Dmgr01\bin>cleanupNode.bat SECONDARYNode01 DMGR.victoria.ibm.com 8879 -trace

- 3. If this command runs fine with no errors then check the node location directory to make sure the "SECONDARYNode01" is no longer listed.
- 4. After confirming the secondary node is removed, then stop dmgr and cleanup following directory :

C\Program Files\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\profiles\Dmgr01\config\temp

- 5. Clean up the C\Program Files\IBM\WebSphere\AppServer\profiles\AppServer\config\temp
- 6. If the cleanupNode.bat command fails in the step 2, then create a PMR with the WebSphere Application Server team for assistance. Send them the new collector tool output from dmgr01 profile.